

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims

A listing of the entire set of pending claims is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A lamp socket for lamps, ~~in particular vehicle lamps,~~ comprising
 - a connection region ~~for arranging the lamps at a headlamp, a luminaire or the like,~~
 - a hollow-cylindrical receiving section ~~for arranging a bulb at the lamp socket coupled to said connection region, and~~
 - a cylindrical metal sleeve which is arranged in the receiving section, and characterized in that a flange (5) arranged at the metal sleeve (4); wherein the flange rests on protrusions (7) which project upwardly from an upper edge (6) of the receiving section (3); and wherein the protrusions are interposed between the flange and the upper edge.
2. (Currently amended) A lamp socket as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a base (19) of the metal sleeve (4) bears against a bottom face (8) of the receiving section (3).
3. (Currently amended) A lamp socket as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the receiving section (3) ~~has fins which project~~ comprises ribs projecting from an inner wall (10), said ~~fins~~ ribs bearing against an outer wall (9) of the metal sleeve (4).
4. (Currently amended) A lamp socket as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the flange (5) has at least one, ~~preferably three,~~ contact region ~~regions~~ (12) for indirectly fixing ~~an intermediate ring connected to the~~ a bulb (27), each of said contact regions having a cam (13) ~~which projects~~ projecting from the upper side of the flange (5).
5. (Currently amended) A lamp socket as claimed in claim 1 ~~[[4]]~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the upper edge (6) ~~has~~ defines one or more cut-outs (14) in the region of proximate to the at least one contact region ~~regions~~ (12) of the metal sleeve (4).

6. (Currently amended) A lamp socket as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the metal sleeve (4) is fixed in the receiving section (3) by means of pins (15) which project from the bottom face (8) of the receiving section (3) through corresponding openings in the base (19) of the metal sleeve (4) and are riveted, ~~preferably not riveted,~~ therein.

7. (Currently amended) A lamp socket as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the base (19) of the metal sleeve (4) ~~is designed in such a way that~~ is adjacent to and substantially covers a fixing spring (17) ~~arranged on the bottom face (8) is secured in its position~~ and wherein the receiving section includes an aperture for receiving a portion of the fixing spring.

8. (Currently amended) A lamp socket as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a bulb (27) ~~and a in said lamp socket (1) as claimed in claim 1 which is connected to the bulb (27).~~

9. (Currently amended) A lamp socket as claimed in claim 8 ~~motor vehicle headlamp,~~ further comprising

- a reflector,
- ~~[[and a]]~~ wherein said lamp as claimed in claim 8 ~~which~~ is fitted on the reflector,
- wherein the bulb (27) is arranged within ~~the~~ a reflector housing,
- and the connection region (2) of the lamp (25) is mainly arranged outside the reflector housing.